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Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 February 24, 2010

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information was cited in a corresponding Japanese case on January 12, 2010, and is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003, waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to

the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), a statement is enclosed.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that each item of information contained in this

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this Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement contains information which is not in the English language but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application.

To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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